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For: MANDREL-ASSISTED RESIN TRANSFER)

MOLDING PROCESS EMPLOYING RESIN)

OUTFLOW PERIMETER CHANNEL

BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE MOLD

ELEMENTS

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AMENDMENT

Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph under the header BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS, beginning at page 12, line \$3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to accurately dimensionally locate the male mold element 40 within the interior volume of the female mold element 10, a set of indexing elements or tabs, one of which is shown at 50 in Figure 5, may be affixed a spaced apart locations around the top surface 48 of the lip portion 43 of the male mold element 40, and are shaped so as to engage the top edge surface 13 of the female mold element 10. A